

a business meeting on December 2nd, at which we decided to raise our church roll. Then we hope to be able to better know who really are alive and who may be considered among the dead and dying.

Those who never attend church services, never attend communions, nor contribute anything for the support of the cause of Christ, are surely unworthy of a place, even upon a church roll. Work! work! should be the watch word. I am open to calls from the churches at any points in Kanemorado District in organized or unorganized churches. Go tomorrow Dec. 5th, to Kansas City with an afflicted member for consultation with a specialist for cancerous trouble.

A. J. HIXSON.

Bethesda, Ohio

Just closed a four weeks meeting held by our pastor, Brother Grisso, who labored earnestly and faithfully for the Master. But people are so indifferent in regard to the saving of their souls, it seems almost impossible to reach them. Two was added to the church by baptism during the meeting, and we trust that seed has been sown in the other hearts that shall spring up and bear fruit for our Savior. We feel greatly encouraged to press on toward the prize.

HATTIE KANAUER.

Warsaw, Ind.

Brother J. R. Keller, of Goshen, Indiana, just closed a short revival which resulted in great blessing to the church spiritually and in three accessions by baptism. Every line of our work has been helped.

Dec. 3, was observed as mission Sunday for the state board, and the offerings resulted as follows: S. S. C. E., \$9.00; S. S., \$5.29; K. C. and C. E., \$2.00; church service, \$6.14. Total \$22.40. We hope to do as much for the National Board Dec. 24.

At our regular service December 3, a young man was baptized who promises to make a good member. The Warsaw field has some difficulties but we have some good faithful workers also, who support the work in the absence of the pastor. C. F. YODER.

Gas Belt Items

Doubtless the natural gas is on the decline. It may some day fail us as do all things earthly. But the resources of God are inexhaustable. The well of life shall never become dry. Many souls are being refreshed thereat. We greatly rejoice with those who are gathering in the unsaved to the field of God.

We have no accessions to report but there is manifested an increase of spiritual life among us. All departments of the church are actively at work.

The communion services which had been postponed at Oakville on account of conference has been observed and is among the blessings which are past in act but present in result. A large attendance of the members, and with hearts filled with faith and love for Christ gave us a great realization of his presence.

Our communions are coming to be more and more times of infilling by the Holy Spirit. May we come to see that to commune with Him, and how that to commune with Him means to be a partaker of His death, his sufferings if we would be partakers of his life.

The S. S. C. E. of Oakville gave their first public meeting on Thanksgiving evening. There was a good attendance and all seemed well pleased with the excellent program which was well executed for the first effort. We hope our sisters will give us more of these meetings. It gives both the church and the community an insight into the manner of work which the society is doing, which is assuring and inspiring.

Among the blessings for which the Maple Grove church may be thankful is the Bible conference conducted by brother J. O. Talley and brother J. M. Bowman, Dec. 1 to 4. From beginning to finish it was a feast of heavenly manna to hungry souls. Unfortunately the weather was very inclement and the attendance was not so large as we expected. I know of no sort of meetings which will deepen the spiritual life of the church so much as these Bible conferences. Nor is this to be wondered at, for it seems to me that by this method of instruction we are going back to the Apostolic way of teaching the people. They had no texts to preach from but the word of God to unfold to the minds of the people. There are ways in which true progress is made by going back ward, i. e. when a train is sidetracked it must back on to the main line. I verily believe by these Bible conferences we are getting on the main line of gospel teaching. Try one brethren and be convinced. The blessing of God be upon Brethren Talley and Bowman for the good they did us while with us. At the close of our Bible conference we continued on in a series of revival meetings which are still in progress. The interest and attendance are both good. The spirit of God is at work, and the church is being blest. Pray for us, that the Lord may revive his people and add thereto many who shall be saved.

Eaton, Ind.

L. W. DITCH.

West Independence, Ohio

Brother Wilt has asked me to furnish our church news to the EVANGELIST from time to time. Tho the work is new to me I shall do the best I can, thinking perhaps it may be one of my "whatsoevers"—and we all enjoy that admonition given in Eccl. 9:10.

The work at West Independence is moving along, our pastor presenting the precious gospel in all its strength and purity in that manner which must bear fruit when the harvest time shall come.

We are having preaching services twice a day, on two Sabbaths of each month; with Sabbath School and young peoples meeting's, under auspices of S. S. C. E., on alternate Sundays.

This change was inaugurated in the hope of interesting the youth of our church, in the work of the Master's vineyard.

I append the program rendered last Sunday evening.

Singing by congregation, gospel hymns 403.

Scripture lesson by Agnes Bowers.

Singing by congregation, gospel hymns 393.

Prayer by Mrs. Stevenson.

Quartet, Lo Hazen, Mrs. Stevenson, Etta Moore and Mrs. Berringer.

Talk by Chauncey Greene, "Our duty."

Singing by congregation, gospel hymns 378.

"The object of these meetings," Rev. S. W. Wilt.

Quartet, Mrs. H. D. Krabill, Mrs. Mary Hale, Mr. Hugh Moore and Mr. Sam Moore.

Recitation by Mertie Hale.

Recitation by Dora Stevenson.

Singing by congregation, gospel hymns 370.

Select reading by Mrs. Byron Leedy.

Singing by congregation, gospel hymns 367.

Address by H. D. Krabill, "On the threshold."

Solo by Howard Greene.

Collection by Mrs. Wm. Gibson.

Benediction by Rev. S. W. Wilt.

Our Tuesday evening prayer meeting is to be a "Thankful Thanksgiving," service; with appropriate scriptural quotations etc. Remember the cause at Independence in your prayers.

MRS. H. D. KRABILL.

Elkbart, Ind.

Since my last month's report I have been engaged in a revival at New Enterprise, Ind. Immediate results, one by baptism. Our meeting was well attended and a great interest manifested. We look forward to a great ingathering at this place.

We received two more by baptism on last Sunday, it being our regular appointment. God help that we shall not tire in the Master's service, but keep speedily moving on. Success awaits us.

New Highland.—Our work moves on with an even tenure at this place. Seemingly nothing gained, and in reality nothing lost. What you call standing still. But, is there such a thing or place? We pray that we all may put forth a special effort to do more fully our Master's will in this church. Christ stands ready to bless. Will begin our revival here in January. Exact date is not yet set.

Brighton.—We go to Brighton on next Sunday, Dec. 17. I do not know yet in regard to pastorate.

This is one of our strongest churches in many ways. I have visited them twice in the last two years and find them a very kind people and whether I go as pastor or not I shall always remember their manifold favors to me, and shall highly esteem their friendship.

It seems scarcely possible that the year 1899 is near an end. I trust however that it will find us as a church far advanced, and also find us more determined than ever, so put forth greater effort in the fast approach-